

## MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**Thursday, December 7, 2006      9:00 a.m.      Room 308 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Nitz, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Representative Proos made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of November 28, 2006, supported by Representative Spade. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nitz, Proos, Ball, Casperson, Stahl, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Sheltroun. (9/11)**

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Newell, Kathleen Law. (2/11)**

The Chair laid SB 840 before the Committee.

SB 840      Kuipers      Agriculture; fertilizer; regulation of use; provide for and make several revisions.

Chair Nitz spoke to the Committee about SB 840.

Representative Mayes made a motion to report SB 840 with recommendation, supported by Representative Casperson.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Casperson, Stahl, Mayes, Spade, Sheltroun. (7/11)**

**Nays: Representative Hune. (1/11)**

**Pass: None. (0/11) (7/10)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Cards for SB 840 were submitted by:

Liesl Clark, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture, in support (as passed by the Senate)

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, in support (as passed by the Senate)

Bob Tadsen, representing the Michigan Agri-Business Association, in support (as passed by the Senate)

Matt Smego, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, in support (as passed by the Senate)

Amy Frankmann, representing the Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association, indicating a neutral position (on version passed by the Senate)

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Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association, in support (as passed by the Senate)

Representative Sheltrown made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Stahl. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nitz declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 9:29 a.m.

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Representative Neal Nitz, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk  
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